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HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO BE JUDGE FOR A DAY

Utah State Courts Offer Program to Give Students an Insider's View of the Court System

WHAT: How accurate are TV programs like "Law and Order," "The Practice," and "Boston Legal"? Seven high school students throughout Utah will find out as part of the Utah State Courts "Judge for a Day," program. The school program is being coordinated by the Utah State Courts in recognition of Law Day on May 1, 2006. The state court asked high schools to conduct an essay contest around the 2006 Law Day theme of "Liberty Under Law: Separate Branches-Balanced Powers." The theme focuses on how the branches have their separate spheres and separate powers, but work together for the common good.

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